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purified from iridium agreeably to the instructions of Berzelius, and which had been found pre-eminently susceptible of being beaten into leaf, weighed only 21.16.

On its first fusion, Dr. Hare found the specific gravity of rhodium, 11; precisely what, on examining his books, it was ascertained to have been made by Wollaston. But after it had crystallized superficially, as above described, it was by a magnifier discovered to be minutely porous under the facets. In this state its specific gravity was found by Eckfeldt to be 10.8.

The Committee appointed on the 29th of April, to whom were referred the reports of the Committee of purchase and sale, and of the Committee having charge of the Museum property, presented a report, the consideration of which was postponed to an adjourned meeting, to be held on the first of July next.

Dr. Harlan mentioned that the moulds of the *Megalonyx* bones, belonging to the Society, cannot now be found, and requested that permission may be accorded to him to have new moulds made at his own expense, under the superintendence of the Curators. On motion, the request of Dr. Harlan was granted.

Adjourned Meeting, July 1.

Present, ten members.

Rev. Dr. BETHUNE in the Chair.

In consequence of the smallness of the meeting, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Society was adjourned, to meet on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant.

Adjourned Meeting, July 5.

Present, thirty-six members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The report of the Committee appointed on the 29th of April was read; whereupon, on motion, the Committee was dis-

charged from the further consideration of the subjects referred to them.

On motion of Mr. S. C. Walker, it was resolved that a Committee of five members be appointed to inquire, and report at the next meeting, concerning the proper course to be pursued for the protection of the principal and accumulation of the trust funds of the Society. Committee, Mr. Walker, Mr. Williams, Mr. T. I. Wharton, Mr. Kuhn, and Mr. G. M. Wharton.

On motion of Dr. Patterson, it was resolved that the Committee on the Museum property be instructed to inquire into the course which, in their judgment, it may be most advisable to take with regard to that property, and that they report to the Society at as early a meeting as practicable.

Stated Meeting, July 15.

Present, thirty members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From Prof. Zantedeschi, of Venice, dated 27th July, 1841, transmitting a copy of his treatise on the Electrotpe, and requesting a correspondence with the Society:—

From Laurentius Blanco, of Naples, dated March, 1842, transmitting a copy of his work on the Papyri of Herculaneum.:—

From D. F. Van der Pant, dated 10th May, 1842, presenting Vol. VIII. Part 2, of the Transactions of the Society of Experimental Philosophy of Rotterdam, and giving notice of certain deficiencies in the series of the Transactions of this Society, now in the Library of the Rotterdam Society:—and

From Dr. C. W. Short, of Louisville, Ky., dated 25th May, 1842, stating that he had forwarded a parcel, containing dried specimens of plants of Kentucky, for the Cabinet of the Society.